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Re: Applicant(s): Vargas, Jaime, et. al.
Assignee: Vascular Innovations, Inc.
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Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

- (1) Return Receipt Postcard;
- (2) This Transmittal Letter;
- (3) Explanation of Relevance of Non-English Language Reference;
- (4) English-language abstract of DE 19732234;
- (5) English-language abstract of DE 29713335; and
- (6) U.S. Pat. No. 4,076,162.

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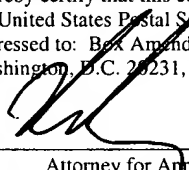
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**EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE
OF NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE REFERENCE**

On April 27, 2002, Applicants' attorney reviewed the application file, which had previously handled by an outside law firm, and noticed that three foreign-language references were submitted on November 19, 2001: DE 19732234, DE 29713335, and 2316910 (France). Enclosed is an English language abstract of DE 19732234 and DE 29713335, and U.S. Pat. No. 4,076,162, which is the U.S. counterpart of 2316910 (France). These English language documents are provided in order to concisely explain the relevance of the foreign-language references, under MPEP 609 and 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3)(i).

Please contact the undersigned if there are any questions.

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